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I briefly referred to the argument, now not uncommon, that some animals appear to have intercourse with beings, or forms and states of being, unseen by us. This on the face of it is not improbable: but it may be a stretch of our own imagination to assume that this is a vision of ghosts. But if it can be shown first that, as Wallace affirms, objective phantasms appear to men sometimes, and to dogs sometimes, then it would be hardly fair to assume that men are to have a spirit life hereafter and the dog not. It might become necessary for us to shove back our dividing line between immortals and nonimmortals, and take over on our side at least some of the beasts. Is the Indian right who, in Pope's language. believes "his faithful dog will bear him company" in the spirit land? There seems, however, to be a conviction in the minds of some observers that dogs not only sometimes, but at all times, see and hear what we do not hear.

First of all, in justice, let us get the facts, or the averred facts. In Rod and Gun appears the following letter: "Sir, there is reason to believe that animals can see spirits. At any rate, I have a very remarkable fact to relate. There is in Devonshire a large, rambling old house, which has long had the reputation of being haunted. Family after family tried to make it their home. One after another they gave it up, all for the same reason — that was frequent spectral ongoings in one of the corridors. Sometimes the ghost was seen by one member of the household, while it was invisible to others close by," which, of course, would indicate that the seeing. or not seeing, depended on the ocular condition of the family. At least, a skeptic would strongly urge that the probabilities were in favor of visual delusion. "Sometimes mysterious sounds was not visible to any of the watchers.

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aside from the main thought I will give one or two illustrations to show that ghost seeing is not so improbable as you have judged. Fanny Kemble tells us that when residing in Rittenhouse square her maid, sitting so that she work up a fine yarn. Yet it is something that Miss Kemble believed the girl did

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A very strange case is reported by Mr. Hodgson in September, 1890, in which a white lady appeared. "The third night the haunted man's dog crouched and stared, and then acted as if driven around the room. Brother saw nothing, but heard a kind of rustle, and then the poor dog howled and tried to hide, and never Robert Dale Owen reports a case of a haunted man who had not been able for years to keep a dog. I confess these cases all seem different when looked at with some knowledge of dog nature. I am sure that a scared man would scare a dog out of his wiss.-St. Louis Globe-

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